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REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(1)

Case No.	ANTICIPATED CLASSIFICATION OF THIS APPLICATION		PRIOR APPLICATION EXAMINER	ART UNIT
11758/212	CLASS Unknown	SUBCLASS Unknown	Frederick C. Nicholas	3754

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Commissioner for Patents
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This is a request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(1), of pending prior application number 10/163,137, filed on June 4, 2002, entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DISPENSING SOAP.

- ☒ Copy Of the Prior application, including 23 sheets of drawings, 43 pages of Application (including title page), and the following Appendices none.
- ☒ Copy of the Declaration filed in the Prior application.
- ☒ PTO Form 1449 and Information Disclosure Statement.

CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	24 - 20 =	4	x \$ 18 =	\$72
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	5 - 3 =	2	x \$ 84 =	\$168
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))			+ \$280 =	\$ 0.00
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))	\$ 750
				Total of above Calculations =	\$990
	Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)				\$495
				TOTAL =	\$495

- ☒ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27
☐ is enclosed.
☒ was filed in prior application number 10/163,137 and such status is still proper and desired (37 CFR 1.28(a)).
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Enclosed is a check for \$ 495 to cover the filing fees.
- ☒ Cancel in this application original claims 1-50 of the prior application and otherwise enter the attached preliminary amendment before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes).
- ☒ The inventor(s) of the invention being claimed in this application is(are): Kenneth J. Muderlak and Rocky Shieh.
- ☐ This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2), the Commissioner is requested to delete the name(s) of the following person or persons who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application: _____.
- ☒ Amend the specification as requested in the Preliminary Amendment.

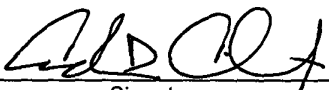
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11. ☐ New formal drawings are enclosed.
12. ☐ Priority of foreign application number _____, filed on _____ in _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application number _____, filed
13. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
14. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Technical Concepts, L.P..
15. ☒ Also enclosed: Return Postcard.
16. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to: Katherine L. Tabor and other attorneys at the firm of BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE.
- a. ☒ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- b. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. ☒ Address all future correspondence to: (may only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record.)

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☒ Attorney or agent of record
☐ Filed under 37 CFR 1.34(a)
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